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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of: Giles BAILLET et al.

Filed: July 9, 2003

For: METHOD FOR INCORPORATING ADDITIVES IN AN OPHTHALMIC
ARTICLE BY MEANS OF A SUPERCRITICAL FLUID

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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND TO
FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED FEBRUARY 18, 2004

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

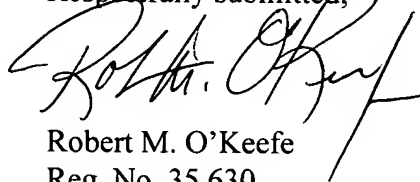
Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), Applicants petition for an extension of time for three (3) month(s) to and including August 18, 2004, in which to respond to the Final Office Action dated February 18, 2004.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.17, a check in the amount of \$950 is enclosed, which is the fee for a three (3) month(s) extension of time.

If the check is inadvertently omitted, or should any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason relating to the enclosed materials, or

should an overpayment be included herein, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct or credit said fees from or to Deposit Account No. 10-1205.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert M. O'Keefe", written over the typed name.

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